

To the Editor of the Wilmington Journal:

Dear Sir: Being anxious to invest some capital in a Cotton Factory, and feeling a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the "Good Old North State," I take the liberty of addressing you this letter of enquiry, propounding a few interrogatories which you will please answer at your earliest convenience.

I am one of those who think the active employment of capital in our own Southern Towns and Cities, one of the best modes of countervailing the injurious effects of the monopolies of our Northern brethren.

Possessing, as we do, the means of growing the raw material at our own doors, and furnishing for our own People, ample and sure means of subsistence, it is a matter of no little wonder that the spirit of enterprise, which has ever characterized your flourishing Town, has never been directed in the channel to which it seems to me, the interests of your community so imperiously demands. It may be, however, that there are impediments in the way, of which I am ignorant, and of which your answers to my enquiries may inform me:

1st. What depth of water is there on your Bar?

2d. Are the shoals in the Cape Fear, below Wilmington, entirely removed, and can any Vessel that crosses the Bar, proceed directly to Town, or do you have to light her up?

3d. Is there in the vicinity of Wilmington any Rock, of which a Factory might be built; if so, of what kind, how near your Town, and how far from the river?

4th. What is the amount of Cotton bro't to your Town annually, from all quarters, and how much, if any, is Sea Island?

5th. Is Wilmington regarded as healthy, or otherwise, for white laborers, during the summer months?

6th. Is there in the vicinity of Wilmington, any water course upon which a Factory might be placed? If so, what fall of water.

The object I have in view, in thus troubling you with the above questions, is to inform myself of the advantages your Town would offer for the investment of capital, confidently hoping your enterprising citizens would readily co-operate with me, in the execution of a work, so well calculated to advance its prosperity.

RICHMOND.

Editor Dining Out.

Quite a distinguished citizen of our city, and one of the members of the corps editorial, made a short excursion into the country last Sunday, where they revelled some hours among the breezes, and finally returned at 3 o'clock, with appetites, it may easily be imagined, nicely sharpened for the enjoyment of a good dinner. After imbibing a glass of wine, the editor, Mr. Charles, our friend of the scissors and quill was invited by his companion to join him in a quiet dinner at his own domicile.

"I have nothing nice," said he, "for I did not think we should reach home in time to dine, but I reckon I can make up something that will answer the demands of hunger for the nonce."

"Oh, I am not particular," replied the editor, "anything will answer my purpose; I am one of those, you know, whose wants are very easily supplied."

Shortening the way, by easy and familiar chat, they at last reached the gentleman's dwelling and at the summons of the bell, a favorite female servant came to the door, with her shining ebony face wreathed gaily in smiles. Whispering a few words in her master's ear, almost as soon as he had crossed the threshold, he exclaimed—

"You don't say so! What are they?"

Now, the editor thought by no means hard of hearing, did not quite distinctly understand the reply, or the reason that he did not wish to listen to what appeared to be a private colloquy. He thought, however, that the remainder of the conversation was about as follows:

"A pair of fine ducks," said the servant.

"You don't say so," returned his host, "well, now, I am satisfied; who would have thought that. Go into the parlor," said he to his guest, "I'll join you there in about five minutes."

The editorial gentleman quietly wended his way alone to the parlor, wondering in his own mind why such unusual disturbance about the dinner should be made, in a house where every thing was generally conducted in the most simple and unostentatious manner possible; but nevertheless, secretly felicitating himself upon the fact that the dinner he was to enjoy was far more inviting than it had been represented. Five, ten, fifteen minutes had elapsed, and his host did not present himself; he fumbled over the pictures and the books on the table; played awhile with the poodle dog, which was taking a nap on the sofa, half-whistled a tune or two, hummed the fraction of a psalm, and was finally disposed on a painting of Mary Magdalen, to discover new beauties, when his entertainer made his appearance, just exactly the happiest looking man the editor had ever stumbled upon.

"Excuse my detaining you," said he, "but you heard what Betty said at the door?"

"Oh, yes," replied the editor.

"A pair of 'em, by Jove!"

"And a finer pair I never saw, though I say it who should not; as plump, as fair and as bright as I ever laid my eyes on; come join me in a drink."

Adjourning to the side board, they filled their glasses, the editor gave,

"Here's to them."

"Good!" said the host, "here's to them!"

The editor was slightly astonished, for his friend's way of rejoicing over the ducks was quite singular—he tossed off his wine and commenced promenading the room, rubbing his hands, chuckling and occasionally giving vent to a guffaw.

"A pair—what'd have thought it; and all doing so nicely too!" was his exclamation.

"How are you having them fixed?" inquired his visitor.

"Oh, I leave that to the women of course, I don't meddle with that business."

"But it's a pity, considering they are so very fine; that you haven't another friend or two to dine with you!"

"Pardon me, I forgot, I am compelled to ask you to go somewhere else for your dinner."

"To do what?"

"To dine somewhere else! You see all is confusion, the servants are as busy as bees, it was so unexpected—in fact, I didn't think it would come off for a week."

"Come off!—what do you mean?"

"Why the affair up stairs?"

"And what the devil is the affair up stairs?"

"Why, I thought you heard what the girl said at the door?"

"So I did—she said you had a fine pair of ducks for dinner."

"Of ducks?"

"Fine pair of what?"

"Fine devils! she told me that while we had been absent, my wife had presented me with a fine pair of twins, both boys."

The last we heard of the poor editor, he was partaking of a plate of soup—"solitary and alone"—at a restaurant in Charles street.

New Orleans Crescent City.

From the North Carolinian.

Fire in Fayetteville.

About 5 o'clock on yesterday (Friday) morning, an alarm of fire was given, and a two story frame house, owned by Daniel Baker, Esq., and occupied as a store by Thos. J. Anderson, was discovered to be fully on fire, from top to bottom. Before it could be arrested, a small new framed house next door, owned by Mr. D. Carver, took fire, which burnt rapidly, and made it necessary to blow up the next small frame, a new house owned by Dr. Carver, Sen. The block of two brick houses, owned by Mr. Zaddock Borough, and occupied by himself and Mr. David McDuffie, as stores, were burnt to the bare walls. The house next the bricks, occupied by Mr. Thos. Lutterloh, was saved by great exertions. Mr. Lutterloh's goods are much damaged and wasted, but were insured. Mr. Borough's houses were insured for \$1000, worth \$1500. He and Mr. McDuffie lost considerably by waste and damage of goods. Thos. J. Anderson lost everything in his store, as did also both the Messrs. Carvers. Everything was done that could be done, considering the miserable organization, and want of unanimity, (of which we shall speak hereafter,) to save the property.

It is with regret that we mention that a valuable citizen, Mr. Hervey Leete, was dangerously wounded by some timbers of the house that was blown up. He is said to be on the recovery. The wound is on the back part of the skull, in a very vital part. It is to be hoped he is out of danger.

Many suppose the fire an act of incendiarism.

Daring Outrage.

On Thursday night last, about 10 o'clock, Mr. Joseph Holloman and Mr. Hudson Bailey, citizens of the adjacent county of Johnson, passing through the streets of this city, were set upon by two desperadoes, for the purpose, as is alleged, of robbery. However, this may be, it is certain that they were cruelly beaten with bludgeons, thrown down and trampled upon, and one of them Mr. Holloman, stabbed. The lieutenant of Police issued his warrant next morning against Lewis Dunning (late of Orange) and Matthew Johnson, of this City. After undergoing an examination, they were held to bail for their appearance at the Superior Court of Wake, to answer the charge of Assault and Battery, with intent to kill, failing to give which, they were fully committed. But a new and stronger coloring has been given to this transaction, by the death of one of the parties, who barely made out, it seems, to reach home before death intervened. We have just received the following letter from a friend in Johnson, dated January 15, 1845:

Dear Sir: Our worthy old friend, Joseph Holloman, is no more. He died yesterday, about 10 o'clock, perfectly sensible and no doubt from the wounds received in his beat at Raleigh last week. I intend to have an Inquest held over him, to-day.—*Rat. Register.*

CHARLESTON MARKET.—Jan. 18.

Cotton.—The receipts of Uplands during the past week have been as follows: by Rail Road, 3276 bales, by water, 4896 bales, and by wagons, 195 bales, total 8367 bales. Exported in 2322 tons to foreign ports, 1518 bales, coastwise 7372 bales, total exports 4250 bales, leaving on hand a shipping stock of 36,124 bales, exclusive of 6415 bales on shipboard not cleared. The total sales of the week have thus reached 17,149 bales. We quote Liverpool Classification—

Inferior and ordinary, — a 4 1/2
Middling a middling fair, 4 1/2 a 5 1/2
Fair a fully fair, 4 1/2 a 5 1/2

Rice.—The Rice market continues without material change, the demand seemingly just sufficient to keep prices steady. The sales of the week are somewhat rising of 300 to 350, at the following particulars, 200 bbls. at \$3, 117 at 2 1/2; 142 at 2 1/2; 576 at 2 1/2; 591 at 2 1/2; 788 at 2 1/2; 270 at 2 1/2; 420 at 2 1/2; 52 at 2 1/2.

Sugar.—The arrivals from New Orleans and Attakapas during the past week, have amounted to near 500 bbls., of which some 250 have been disposed of at auction and private sale, prices ranging from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4, a few above the latter quotation. At an auction sale yesterday of 50 bbls., fair quality from on shipboard, only a small lot sold at 4 1/2, the balance withdrawn, the succeeding did not reaching over 4 1/2.

Nothing doing in Coffee.

Olives.—Arrivals of New Orleans during the week rising of 700 bbls. Sales at auction and at private sale at 2 1/2 and 2 3/4. The demand very limited, and prices a decided downward tendency.

Grain.—The arrivals of Corn have been 8500 bushels from N. C., and returned to us as having been sold at a lot of 500 cts.

No arrivals of Peas or Oats.

Hay.—A small lot of 250 bales Eastern received during the week, brought 75 cts. Two other lots remain unsold on shipboard, not having been offered as yet.

Bacon.—20 hhd. of Western Sides, received from New Orleans, brought 5 1/2 cts. Sales of Western Sides and Sides, as well as Hams, received salted and smoked, have been made at 5 1/2 and 6 cts for the former, and 9 cts for the latter, the quality said to be unexceptionable.

Lard.—Sales of Western, in kegs, a prime article at 7 cts.

Salt.—The arrivals of Liverpool amount to about 5000 sacks, a great proportion of which have been sold on board at \$1 15.

Domestic Liquors.—Are very dull and in hardly any request.

Freights.—There has been a considerable increase of vessels since our last. We have however, not heard of any new engagements for Liverpool, and therefore continue to quote our former rates of 11-16d. For Haver two vessels have been taken at 14 cts for square and 18 for round bales, and \$3 25 for Rice per bbl. of 600 lbs. Two or three engagements for the Continent have also been made, but we could not ascertain at what rates. For New York 3 1/2 cts. per 100 lbs. For square bales and 50 cts for Rice. Boston 50 cts. per 100 for cotton; \$1 1/2 for Rice. Other Northern ports nominal and little offering.

"I have troops of friends," as the wounded officer said when his own regiment rode over him in full speed in pursuit of the enemy.

"Your invitation is too pressing," as the fly said to the spider when he got out of his net, "and I don't like to have my friendship tied down."

Why is there always a great explosion when an editor speaks against a monthly periodical? Because he blows up a magazine.

Legal Wit.—A celebrated lawyer, in New York, famous for his quips and induties, met "the Brigadier" on the pave on New Year's Day, and after the usual salutations, said—
"Well, General, are you going to make many calls to-day?"
"Oh, no," said the Brigadier, "not very many—only about two hundred or so."
"Two hundred, General!" exclaimed the lawyer; "why, if you do make as many as that, you ought to be called Morris (morue) multicaulis."

Massachusetts Mission.

The New Orleans Picayune says: "Governor Mouton sent to the Legislature, yesterday, a message in relation to the appointment, on the part of Massachusetts, of an agent to inspect and contest the operation of a law of this State prohibiting the entrance of free negroes within the limits of Louisiana. This message takes a firm stand against the interference of Massachusetts, or any other State, in our local legislation or police regulations, and covers certain communications from Mr. Hubbard, the Agent of Massachusetts, which we have not yet seen. Committees were appointed by both Houses to take into consideration the matter of the message and accompanying documents. In the House, Mr. Wadsworth presented a preamble and bill, which we think reflect the sentiments of the Legislature in regard to the subject under consideration. These were referred to the Committee. We cannot predict the final action of the Legislature, but have little doubt that it will be in conformity to the spirit of, if not in the language of the preamble and law.

I takes 'em as they come.—A cantab, one day observing a ragamuffin looking boy scratching his head at the door of one of the city fathers, where he was begging, and thinking to pass a joke upon him, said—
"So, Jack, you are picking them out, are you?"
"No, sir," retorted the urchin, "I takes 'em as they come!"

MARRIED.

In this town, on Thursday evening 16th inst. by James T. Miller, Esq., Mr. S. R. Riley, to Miss Mary Ann Costin.

DIED.

Recently in Wake county, of Typhus fever, Mr. William W. White, a highly respectable and intelligent citizen. Also, his mother, Mrs. White.

SEABOARD LIST.

PORT OF WILMINGTON.

ARRIVED.

January 17—brig Commodore Hull, Ray, St. Thomas, to G W Davis.

18—brig Energy, Frisbie, Porto Rico, to G W Davis.

Schr Monsoon, Derry, Philadelphia, to G W Davis.

Schr Little John, Best, Plymouth, N C., to G W Davis.

21—schr E S Powell, March, New York, to G W Davis.

Schr Magnet, Burgess, Charleston, to E Dickinson.

Schr Superb, Heron, New York, to C D Ellis.

22—schr Erie, Wilson, Charleston, to G W Davis, and C D Ellis.

brig John H Stephens, Hall, Bermuda, to Russell & Gammell.

23—schr J W Smith, Tew, New York, to C D Ellis.

Schr Lochell, Lufkin, Philadelphia, to G W Davis.

brig Lyra, Brewster, St. Thomas, to G W Davis.

Schr Express, Hatchett, Swansboro', corn, to Wm Cooke.

In below—brig Lincoln, McLellan, St Thomas, to Russell & Gammell.

CLEARED.

January 18—brig Alpine, Treat, Martinico, by E Dickinson.

Brig Glide, McAllister, St. Domingo, by C D Ellis.

Schr Mary Augusta, Farnham, New Orleans, by John Hall.

19—brig Castida, Goodell, Boston, by Barry & Bryant.

30—brig Wilkes P Walker, Edgecombe, Matanzas, by Russell & Gammell.

Br schr Brilliant, Perry, Antigua, by G W Davis.

Schr Ellen, Boon, Philadelphia, by G W Davis.

21—schr Oneco, Smith, New Orleans, by John Hall.

Brig Protection, Fowler, Boston, by Barry & Bryant.

Schr Grandee, Grindell, Cuba, by Barry & Bryant.

22—schr Charles L Vose, Savin, Gaudaloupe, by G W Davis.

Schr Alaric, Purnell, New York, by C D Ellis.

23—brig Benjamin, Hopkins, Martinique, by C D Ellis.

brig Girard, Gillpatrick, Porto Rico, by E Dickinson.

Schr Sarah Francis, Davis, Mattamuskeet, salt, by Wm Cooke.

Schr Little John, Best, Washington, N C, Merchandise, by Wm Cooke.

25—schr Magnet, Burgess, New Orleans, by E Dickinson.

MEMORANDA.

At anchor outside the New Inletbar, where she arrived on the 20th, brig Henry Buck, Woodlides, of New York, dismasted whilst on her passage from New Castle, Me., to New York. Capt. W. has furnished the following statement: sailed from N. Castle on 10th December; on the 11th, while scudding under close reefed main top-sail, in a tremendous gale from the East, being in lat. 40° 50' N., long. 70° 10' W., took a heavy sea over the board quarter, which washed the man from the wheel, caused the brig to broach to, and hove her on her beam ends, her yard arms in the water. Means were taken to get her away before the wind, but it was found impossible to do so, and as the vessel was filling fast by the companion ways, the mainmast was cut away, and that carried the foremast by the hold, and the sea making a complete sweep over her. Nothing was saved from the deck but the main jib. In a few hours the wind veered round to the Northward, and up to the 23d, experienced continual gales. On the 25th spoke ship Sheffield, Capt. Smith, of Bath, bound from New Orleans to Liverpool. Capt. S. kindly supplied us with sails. On the 26th, the first calm day, succeeded in getting up two spars for jury masts.

The brig Ava from New York, for Nevitas, on the 12th November, fell in with the schr. Wellsman, Long from Providence, for Wilmington, and took from her the Captain and crew. The W., on the day previous, in the gale of wind, had been knocked on her beam ends, her masts were cut away, when she righted full of water. Wm. Montgomery, a seaman, was swept from the wreck.

WE are authorized to announce Mr. T. L. HODGE, as a candidate for the Constable's office, for the town of Wilmington, at the ensuing election. For which office, he solicits the suffrage of his friends and fellow-citizens.
Jan'y 24, 1845. 19-t.e.

AUCTION!
DESIRING to form a copartnership for the transaction of the **General Agency and Commission Business**, in order to close my present business I will sell without reserve at public auction, all the stock of Goods now in my store, consisting of a large assortment of **Staple Groceries, Dry Goods, Crockery, &c.**
The sale will commence on Monday, the 27th inst., and continue until closed.
Terms.—All sums under \$100 cash, all sums over \$100, 90 days credit, for approved endorsed notes.
WM. COOKE.
SANDFORD & SMITH, Aucts.

Corn and Cow Peas.
In store and for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, by
WM. COOKE.
Jan. 24.—[19]

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
DISTRICT OF OREGON, N. C.,
January 14th, 1845.

SEALED Proposals will be received at this Office until the 20th day of February, 1845, for building a **Marine Hospital**, on the Island of Portsmouth, in this District, of the following dimensions and in accordance with a plan approved of by the Secretary of the Treasury, and now in this Office.

SPECIFICATIONS.
Dimensions of the main building, 50 feet long, by 40 wide, to be elevated 4 feet, single story, 14 feet elevation, with roof suited to dimensions, a passage through the centre, and galleries 10 feet wide in the front, and rear of the building, with 4 rooms 20 feet square, the garret with two or three windows at each end, to be divided into compartments, and fitted up for store rooms, and for the attendants &c.; to this main building is to be attached a wing or shed at each end, 20 feet wide & extending from the outer line of the front, to the outer tier of the portico, each of these wings to contain two wards, 20 feet square, with four smaller rooms, the wings to have a shed roof to suit; the building to be erected on substantial heart of pine piers, timber at least 12 inches square, to be filled in with stone all three feet below the surface, to have piles or blocks in the intermediate spaces, with four chimneys and eight fire places, and two piazzas, or vestibules, 50 by 10, supported by 6 turned columns, each with appropriate balustrade and rails in front, with steps and rails to correspond, the front and rear doors to have transoms and side lights; the whole frame to be of the largest dimensions for such a building with 16 panel doors and 24 windows, 14 by 10 lights, with blinds or shutters; the exterior of the house to be first covered with 1 1/2 inch boards, tongued and grooved, afterwards to be covered on every side with juniper or cypress shingles, dressed to equal thickness in 5 inch courses, as also the roof; the interior of the building to be finished throughout in a neat, plain and workmanlike manner; the floors to be of quartered boards, the frame outside, plank, and floors to be of the best yellow pine, the interior to be finished with northern or yellow pine, at the option of the Agent of the United States; the whole to have two substantial coats of paint, to be lathed and plastered with the best quality of stone lime throughout, the chimneys to be built of hard and well formed brick; all to be finished as above stated, and to the entire satisfaction of the Agent of the U. States, and to be completed within six months from the time of the contract is closed.

Approved bonds will be required for the completion of the work, according to contract; the work and materials are to be approved of by a superintendent to be appointed for that purpose; payments will be made as it progresses, not to exceed two-thirds of the actual value of materials on the ground, and work done, and in sums not less than one thousand dollars.

S. BROWN, Collector.

Jan'y 17, 1845 18-5t

\$10 REWARD.—RANAWAY from the

subscriber, on Thursday, the 2nd of January, 1845, a negro man by the name of BEN, about twenty-seven years old, light complected, slow spoken, a little stooped in the shoulders, and about five feet 10 inches high. The said boy I purchased of John W. King of Brunswick county, where he is supposed to be lurking, or in Wilmington, where he has a wife. The above reward will be paid on delivery of said slave either at my residence, on Moore's Creek, or lodged in Wilmington Jail, so I may get him.

JOS. P. MOORE.

January 4th, 1845. 17-t

In Store & landing from Schooner

J. D. JONES,

5 half barrels No. 1 Mackerel,

12 kits do do 1 Frail Dates,

24 cases Sardines, 1 Frail Dates,

20 barrels city Mess Pork,

10 do Prime do

15 boxes, 2000 Gunny Bags,

12 half boxes, 50 Bbls. Fayetteville Flour,

14 quarter boxes, 50 Bbls. Mulletts,

30 Urums Figs, 10 Bbls. Shad.

50 hals North River Hay,

5 hals Prime Porto Rico Sugar.

For sale by WM. COOKE.

Jan. 10, 1845.

LIST OF BLANKS

ON HAND, and for sale at the

JOURNAL OFFICE.

County and State Court Writs

do do Subpoenas

do do Fi. Fas.

County Court Seal Facias

Apprentice's Indentures

Letters of Administrators

Juror's Tickets

Peace warrants

Constable's bonds

Notes of hand

Check Fear Bank

do Branch Bank of the State

Notes, negotiable at bank

Inspector's Certificates

Certificates of Justices attending Court

Shipping Papers

Bills Lading (letter)

Any blank wanted and not on hand will be printed with the utmost despatch.

Officers of the Courts and other officers, and all other persons, requiring blanks, or any other work in the printing line would do well to give us a call, or send in their orders. We are determined to execute our work well, and at the cheapest rates for